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BLOOD PLATELET FUNCTIONALITY )  
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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98**

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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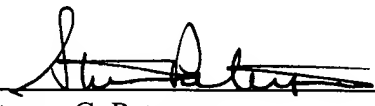
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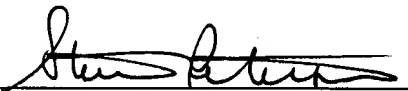
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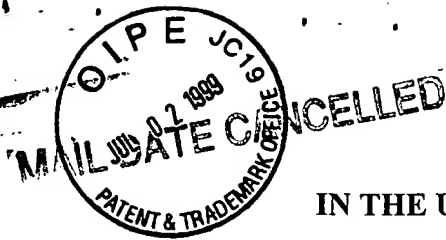
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